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UNSTARRED QUESTIONS.

Forests.

Road projects for forest exploitation in South Kanara and Malabar.

2421 Q.—Mr. J. A. SALDANHA: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to place before the House a statement showing the number and mileage of new roads made and projected for forest exploitation in South Kanara and Malabar, the directions they take or are proposed to take, and their approximate cost?

A.—Information has been called for.

Reserved forests in Salem district.

2422 Q.—Mr. V. C. VELLINGIRI GOUNDER: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) what are the portions of unreserve in Salem district, which were declared as reserved forests from the year 1901, with their extent;

(*b*) under what class those forests have been brought;

(*c*) what is the position of these reserved forests before and after reservation as regards grazing of cattle;

(*d*) if restrictions are made in grazing in those forests what provisions have been made to afford grazing facilities affected by reservations;

(*e*) whether it is a fact that villagers near the Kurichi reserve and its continuation on the southern portion of Velambatti reserve, have been deprived greatly of their grazing facilities on account of that reservation of long enjoyed grazing area; and

(*f*) whether it is a fact that coupe work in the latter reserve could not be carried on this year on account of poor growth and useless trees?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) A statement [a] furnishing the information is appended.

(*c*) The only differences are that grazing fees are collected except for goats which are not allowed to brouse and coupes under regeneration are closed to grazing.

(*d*) Sufficient areas of unreserves have been left in all the surrounding villages for grazing.

(*e*) Kurichi and Velampatti reserves are open to grazing on permits.

(*f*) Fuel fellings in the Velampatti reserve were stopped in 1921–22 pending revision of the working plan. A scheme for continuing fellings is at present engaging the Conservator's attention.

Marine.

Representation from the Kanara Indian Christian Civic League.

2423 Q.—Mr. J. A. SALDANHA: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state whether Government have received a representation from the Kanara Indian Christian Civic League as to the reconstitution of the administration of the Port of Mangalore and other minor ports and what action has been taken on it?

A.—The representation has been received; but the Government do not propose to take any action on it at present.

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[a] Printed as Appendix I on pages 402–403 infra.